

"Fort Belle Fontaine"  
Belle Fontaine Road,  
Florissant, Missouri.

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PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

W.T. Trueblood, District Officer,  
1520 Chemical Building, St. Louis, Mo.

Eugene L. Pleitsch, Deputy District Officer,  
1592 Arcade Building, St. Louis, Mo.

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The Indians discovered a large spring on the place which accounts for the name "Belle Fontaine".

In the year 1804 the United States Government used the grounds as an Army Post, prior to the procurement of Jefferson Barracks.

The one story stone building is part of the old Fort and still remains on the grounds.

From the years 1809 to 1815 Belle Fontaine was the Headquarters of the Department of Louisiana.

In the year 1913 the property was purchased by the City of St. Louis upon which several modern bungalows were erected and used to house and educate delinquent boys, - The St. Louis Industrial School for Boys.

One Story frame and rock house.  
The frame portion was destroyed by  
fire.

Information received from the United States War Department.

EUGENE L. PLEITSCH.

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"POWDER MAGAZINE"

Fort Bellefontaine, St. Louis County, Missouri.

Historical Data

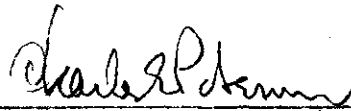
Year of erection: Between 1806 and 1826, years of construction of fort and its abandonment (see Mitchell, Capt. Harry E., History of Jefferson Barracks, 1921).

Built for (first owner): U. S. Army.

Original intended use: Powder Magazine.

Note: By a long established tradition this was the powder magazine of old Fort Bellefontaine. Its construction is not typical of other powder magazines and the undersigned believes that it could have been built as an outbuilding in some later farm group.

Prepared by



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